

Please reject NAB petition 04-160. I frequently make long distance drives to visit my relatives, and urgently need the one-channel weather forecasts I can only get on my PAID FOR XM station. I can't drive and fiddle with my radio looking for umpteen local stations who may or may not carry the news I need when i need it!

I was able to stay ahead of a major rainstorm in the Siskiyou's, thanks to XM. Last fall, there were fires out here, and I needed to know where the safe routes were. I have had to cross the midwest in tornado season.

Local stations are great for locals, but gee whiz, since the invention of the freeway, non-locals--almost everybody on the interstates--have had to flounder around for information. XM is a great invention and can't possibly harm the local radio stations. These are two separate audiences.

XM radio provides the nation with a real service, and in these troubled times, why would you want to limit something which could be so valuable to the safety of so many? The first thing I bought after 9-11 was XM radio.

Please think of our vast interstate system and the wide-ranging implications of your policies. Thank you.